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Troy Officer Awarded for Saving a Family in a House Fire

On October 3, 2012 Troy Police Officer Christopher Huck was recognized for his life saving actions in getting a family out of their burning home. The award presentation was sponsored by the 100 Club of Detroit and hosted by The Detroit Athletic Club. Detroit Pistons and Michigan State University Football team's radio and television play-by-play announcer – George Blaha was the guest speaker at the event.

On May 31, 2012 at 1:07 a.m. Officer Huck was the first resonder to a house fire where he observed the fire over the roof line of the house. Officer Huck arrived minutes ahead of the fire department and knocked on the door with no answer. Officer Huck then forced open the front door and found smoke inside with no smoke detector's signalling the presence of smoke. Officer Huck then found the three occupants, a father and two children sound asleep on the upper level. Officer Huck awoke them and escorted them out of the burning home. Without Officer Huck's timely intervention the family may have been overcome with smoke and perished in the fire.

Officer Christopher Huck has been a member of the Troy Police Department since 2007 and he previously was an officer for the Dearborn Police Department.

The Hundred Club of Detroit was organized in 1952 by Bill Packer to help provide for the widows and dependents of police and firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty. Since then, a number of Hundred Clubs have been formed in various cities and counties across the U.S. to recognize and honor the extraordinary service of police and firefighters, and to support the needs of surviving family members should a police officer or firefighter be killed in the line of duty. The Club is entirely funded through private and individual donations and does not use government funding, rather depending solely upon the generosity of individual member donations.

Troy Fire Chief William Nelson and Police Chief Gary Mayer attended the ceremony which recognized Officer Huck and several other police and fire fighters. Chief Gary Mayer said: "I am very proud of Officer Chris Huck; his quick response ensured that this family did not suffer tragedy. It was a pleasure to see the Hundred Club recognize Chris and many other police and fire department heroes."